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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kristensen, you're recognized. About five minutes.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Senator Coordsen, I appreciate the chance to talk to you a little bit about why the amendment isn't good. First of all, I'm uncomfortable about interjecting the use of our legislative equipment and our policy and our people to the administration of a policy, as opposed to the reason that we originally got these was to develop policy. For example, the TRAIN model and the INPLAN model really do look at what effect a policy decision that we make will have, not geared specifically to a particular project; in other words, this one that's coming under these parameters, because you all know, or you know very well what we feed into that model is what we get back out. We can change a little modifier here, we can do varieties of things, and that changes the overall impact of it. In terms of measuring that precise project impact of that particular business decision or state decision, it really doesn't do that. It gives us directions, it gives us what the impact of a policy, for example, giving of tax credits will do. So first of all, I'm uncomfortable about subjecting them because then they'll show up on the front pages of the paper and say, ah, Fiscal Office says yes or no. And all of a sudden what we want to keep from becoming a political wing of the Legislature actually gets interjected, not because of a policy we make. And Senator Wickersham is absolutely right, we're involved in that absolutely every day here. But those are decisions about whether and what the policy should be as opposed to a specific project. The second one is I'm afraid what will happen is is that this will open up the opportunity for people to come up and say to the board, aha, this is the golden nugget that you should not make that decision. And the golden...it could even be the silver, Senator Janssen. And what occurs to that is this becomes a political flash point. In other words, this model, because it will have the words "economist" on to it, will take on more than what it's intended to do. Senator Wickersham says it's a consideration, but in effect it will be more than a consideration. That's the reason I don't stand up and flag the Deloitte and Touche model, saying to you, because this says this, you must do it. To me, there's some sense in this that